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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

A. JOHN APPLEBY
SERGUEY GAMBURZEV

Serial No.: 09/779,872

Filed: February 8, 2001

For: FUEL CELL WITH MONOLITHIC FLOW
FIELD-BIPOLAR PLATE ASSEMBLY
AND METHOD OF MAKING AND
COOLING A FUEL CELL STACK

Group Art Unit: 1746

Atty. Dkt. No.: TAMK:225
12740.0225.NPUS00

Examiner: Monique M. Wills

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, for which the date for response was December 15, 2003. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith, along with authorization to deduct the required fee from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0225.NPUS01. This one-month extension will bring the due date to January 15, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should any

additional fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0225.NPUS01.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Exhibit** entitled **Exhibit A** is attached to this paper.